

Frelinghuysen Laughlin
Frisa Lazio
Funderburk Leach
Gallegly Lewis (CA)
Ganske Lewis (KY)
Gekas Lightfoot
Gilchrest Linder
Gillmor Livingston
Gillman LoBiondo
Goodlatte Longley
Goodling Lucas
Goss Manzullo
Graham Martini
Greenwood McCollum
Gunderson McCrery
Gutknecht McDade
Hall (TX) McHugh
Hancock McInnis
Hansen McIntosh
Hastert McKeon
Hastings (WA) Metcalf
Hayes Meyers
Hayworth Mica
Hefley Miller (FL)
Heineman Molinari
Herger Montgomery
Hilleary Moorhead
Hobson Morella
Hoekstra Myers
Hoke Myrick
Horn Nethercutt
Hostettler Neumann
Houghton Ney
Hunter Norwood
Hutchinson Nussle
Hyde Oxley
Inglis Packard
Istook Parker
Johnson (CT) Paxon
Johnson, Sam Petri
Jones Pombo
Kasich Porter
Kelly Portman
Kim Pryce
King Quillen
Kingston Quinn
Klug Ramstad
Knollenberg Regula
Kolbe Riggs
LaHood Roberts
Largent Rogers
Latham Rohrabacher
LaTourette Ros-Lehtinen

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Ackerman Doyle
Andrews Durbin
Baldacci Edwards
Barcia Engel
Barrett (WI) Eshoo
Becerra Evans
Beilenson Fattah
Bentsen Fazio
Berman Fields (LA)
Bevill Filner
Bishop Flake
Bonior Foglietta
Borski Ford
Boucher Frank (MA)
Brewster Frost
Browder Furse
Brown (CA) Gejdenson
Brown (FL) Gephardt
Brown (OH) Geren
Bryant (TX) Gibbons
Cardin Gonzalez
Chapman Gordon
Clay Green
Clayton Gutierrez
Clement Hall (OH)
Clyburn Hamilton
Coleman Harman
Collins (MI) Hastings (FL)
Condit Hefner
Conyers Hilliard
Costello Hinchey
Coyne Holden
Cramer Hoyer
Danner Jackson (IL)
de la Garza Jackson-Lee
DeFazio (TX)
DeLauro Jacobs
Dellums Jefferson
Deutsch Johnson (SD)
Dicks Johnson, E. B.
Dingell Kanjorski
Dixon Kaptur
Doggett Kennedy (MA)

Roth
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Schaefer
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Seastrand
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Smith (MI)
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Weller
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Whitfield
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Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
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Pickett
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Rahall
Rangel
Reed
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Rose
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo

Sanders
Sawyer
Schroeder
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Scott
Serrano
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Spratt
Stenholm
Studds
Stupak
Tanner
Taylor (MS)
Tejeda
Thompson

Thornton
Thurman
Torres
Torricelli
Towns
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Ward
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wise
Woolsey
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Farr
Johnston
Moakley
Radanovich
Solomon
Stark
Stokes
Waters
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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1972

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1972.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

REPEALING TEA IMPORTATION
ACT OF 1897

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2969) to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2969

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act of 1996".

SEC. 2. REPEAL OF TEA IMPORTATION ACT OF 1897.

The Tea Importation Act (21 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) is repealed.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLUG] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2969, the Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act of 1996. This bipartisan legislation repeals the Tea Importation Act of 1897 by eliminating the Federal Board of

Tea Experts. It was favorably reported by the Committee on Ways and Means on February 29.

This bill ends the antiquated and outdated requirement that each lot of imported tea meet taste standards recommended to the Secretary of Health and Human Services by the Federal Board of Tea Experts.

The bill also ends the imposition of a Customs Service fee on tea imports that partly finances tea quality inspections. The cost to the taxpayer for matching teas to the quality standards of the Tea Board is over \$170,000 each year. Tea is the only food or beverage for which the Food and Drug Administration samples every lot upon entry for comparison to a quality standard recommended by a Federal board.

I believe there is no justification for tea being held to a higher Federal standard on behalf of the tea industry, which should assume responsibility for the competitive quality of its products. The Board of Tea Experts is outdated and the taxpayer's money could be more efficiently used elsewhere.

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938, the FDA will continue to examine and sample imported tea for compliance with health and safety standards. The FDA will ensure that tea is held to the same high level of safety and quality as every other food and beverage entering the United States.

I applaud the sponsors of this bill for introducing a measure which strikes a blow for good government by reducing an unnecessary regulatory burden on American industry and the lives of American citizens.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—RETURNING TO THE SENATE S. 1518,
REPEALING TEA IMPORTATION
ACT OF 1897

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House, and I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 387) returning to the Senate the bill S. 1518, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 387

Resolved, That the bill of the Senate (S. 1518) to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897, in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United